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REPORT OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE ABOUT SECURITY THREAT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any report of the Naval Intelligence indicating security threat caused by the unregulated ship-breaking pursuits in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any report of possible involvement of some anti-national elements in this lucrative ship-breaking business;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to scrutinize such activities by the security agencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): There had been a report in the past indicating possible security concerns caused by un-regulated ship breaking activities at Alang. However,since the Indian Navy does not deal withship-breaking activities, the report was shared with other intelligence agencies in the country for necessary action.